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## RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Monday, June 17 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Received the Audit Report from Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. RCLS is in good financial shape.
- Reviewed and approved the IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.
- Recognized that libraries are critical to the 2020 Census. Libraries are expected to be the link in the digital divide for individuals completing the Census.
- Noted that **Saturday, October 19** is the *Great Give Back*, a day of opportunities for the patrons of libraries to participate in meaningful service-oriented experiences.
- Delighted that the Finkelstein Memorial Library, Spring Valley has signed the contract to return on July 1, 2020 as a full ANSER participant.
- Pleased that a good complement of Annual Meeting Award nominations were received.
- Acknowledged that the regional Battle of the Books is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8** at SUNY Orange.
- Noted to save the date **Friday, September 13** for the Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting at The Sullivan Event Center.
- Thrilled to learn that \$4,700 was donated towards the Randall Enos Conference Scholarship for the Friends of Libraries Section of NYLA.
- Heard a report from the Search Committee that many submissions for the Executive Director position have been received.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the June Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on **Monday, August 19** at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports, Executive Director's Report and Assistant Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Grace Riario (243.3747, ext. 233 or [e-mail](#)).

## Summer Reading Booklists for Youth

*Joanna Goldfarb,*

*RCLS Youth Services Consultant*

The “A Universe of Stories” booklists with suggested reading for youth this summer are now posted and downloadable on the [RCLS website](#):

- [Pre-K and Kindergarten/ Grades 1 and 2](#),
- [Grades 3 and 4/ Grades 5 and 6](#)
- [Tweens](#)
- [Teens](#)

These lists were designed to be easily downloaded into the tri-fold format that has been used in the past. They can be printed two-sided on 8½” x 11” paper.

Thanks to the Booklist Committee members for submitting the titles:

- Dianne Aimone, Finkelstein Memorial Library, Spring Valley
- Kathy Bachor, New City Library
- Lauren Banks, Nanuet Public Library
- Amy Chesman, New City Library
- Jennifer Cohen, Suffern Free Library
- Lara Cohen, Tappan Free Library
- Danielle Connolly, Valley Cottage Library
- Emelia Estep, Mamakating Library
- Emily Kinney, Moffat Library, Washingtonville
- Susan Mangan, Ellenville Library and Museum
- Liz Marcus, Finkelstein Memorial Library, Spring Valley
- Kim Naples, Nyack Public Library
- Sarah Northshield, Pearl River Public Library
- Felicia O’Keefe, Newburgh Free Library
- Faviola Ramos, Josephine-Louise Public Library, Walden
- Gabriela Villaneva, Finkelstein Memorial Library, Spring Valley

Also thanks to Ruth Daubenspeck for compiling and formatting and Dan Hulse for proofreading.

Let me know (ext. 240 or [jgoldfarb@rcls.org](mailto:jgoldfarb@rcls.org)) if you have any difficulty downloading or if you have other questions and suggestions.

## Seeking Regents Advisory Council on Libraries Members

The New York State Board of Regents will appoint three Regents Advisory Council members to serve five-year terms from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024 and one partial four-year term from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2023.

The Council meets a minimum of four times a year: January (by conference call), April (Board of Regents meeting in Albany), September (by conference call) and December (in person). Members of the Regents Advisory Council are leaders in a wide variety of endeavors across the State, including business, human services, education, and libraries. For more information, view the [NYS Library website](#).

The New York State Library particularly encourages recommendations of representatives of New York State's broadly diverse population and endeavors to select members whose geographic diversity and professional and personal experience will enrich the work of the Council.

Send nominations, along with a resume, for the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries by **Thursday, August 1** to: Paula Paolucci, Office of the State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries, New York State Library, 10C34 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; e-mail to [Paula.Paolucci@nysed.gov](mailto:Paula.Paolucci@nysed.gov).

## Free eBooks for Kids this Summer

For the second year, New York State Education Department is partnering with myON by Renaissance to provide thousands of enhanced digital books to children from birth to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and their families all around the state. Readers can log into myON via one statewide login to access a digital library of more than 6,000 e-books using any web-enabled device. For offline reading, download up to 20 books at a time through a free app. Other features include resources and tips for parents and educators, including on-demand videos, tip sheets, strategies and more to support meaningful family literacy experiences. Many books are also available in Spanish. This [access to free digital children’s books](#) is available for New York State students and families **through September 30**.

## Nominations Open for I Love My Librarian Award

*ALA Communications and Marketing Office, June 17*

ALA invites all library users to nominate their favorite librarians for the prestigious *I Love My Librarian Award*. The national award recognizes the outstanding public service contributions of librarians working in public, school, college, community college, or university libraries who transform communities and improve lives. Nominations are being accepted [online](#) now through **Monday, October 21**. Ten librarians will each receive \$5,000, a plaque, and a travel stipend to attend the *I Love My Librarian Award* ceremony on January 25, 2020, which will take place during ALA’s Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia.

## Photo of the Week



Patrons join Board member Shain Fishman as she cuts the ribbon to officially open Sunshine Hall Free Library's new deck. Plaques can be purchased for display on the railing of the new deck overlooking the Halfway Brook.

Brilliant sunshine was certainly welcomed and appropriate when the Sunshine Hall Free Library in Eldred celebrated its latest capital improvement, a beautiful deck, with a ribbon cutting on Sunday, May 19.

Patrons will be able to enjoy their book, e-reader or WiFi device while comfortably seated at the umbrella tables on the approximately 700 square foot deck, lulled by the babbling sounds of the Halfway Brook.

A crowd of about 60 patrons was on hand to celebrate the new space, which was envisioned as a place in which the community could take advantage of the outdoor space while they meet with neighbors, enjoy coffee or a snack and, of course, read! WiFi will be available 24/7.

The ceremony was kicked off with brief remarks by Dorene Warner, Vice President of the Barryville Chamber of Commerce, who acknowledged the unique and vital role the library plays in the communities of Highland and Lumberland.

The deck was paid for in part by a NYS Library Construction Grant and by funds from the Library's Building Account. Board member and Treasurer Shain Fishman thanked Patty Kennedy, Library Director, for the endless hours she committed to the project.

A new funding campaign was introduced at the celebration. For a \$100 donation, patrons can purchase a 3" x 5" plaque that will be affixed to the railing of the deck. Forms are available at the library.

Fishman thanked a number of people and groups involved in the project including the Town of Highland Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Highway Department and Code Enforcement Officer, builder Willy Daw, and Mike Frazier and Melissa Cooper, who worked to complete the staining of the deck in time for the ribbon cutting despite considerable weather challenges. She also thanked fellow Board member Karol Sundholm, whose expertise as a master gardener enhanced the beauty of the deck as well as the main building.

*Share a library-related photo, include a brief caption, your name, position and the library's name.*

*A photo release is required from recognizable individuals in the photo. [Click here](#) for the RCLS photo release.*

*Submit the picture to [rclsmemo@rcls.org](mailto:rclsmemo@rcls.org) with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.*

## July Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

### ✓ Navigating a Universe of Stories: Readers' Advisory this Summer

**Tuesday, July 2 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

A Universe of Stories is an expansive slogan, but you don't have to be at a loss for what to recommend. Three librarians will offer a selection of titles that you can use while doing readers' advisory for kids, teens, and adults this summer. Learn about Pierce County Library System's "My Next Read" service as well.

**Presenters:** [Bonnie Svitavsky](#) and [Tamara Saarinen](#), [Pierce County Library](#) and [Lisa Racine](#), [Kitsap Regional Library](#)

**Register:** [First Tuesdays Website](#)

### ✓ Hooray for Freedom! Part One: Privacy, Confidentiality, and Intellectual Freedom in the Library

**Thursday, July 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Privacy, confidentiality, and intellectual freedom are core values of librarianship that are easy to agree with, but difficult to implement. Hooray for Freedom! will help you assess your professional practice, give you the legal and ethical context to support democracy in your library, and help you identify practical ways to implement improvements.

**Register:** [WebJunction website](#)

### ✓ Living In a Material World: Crafting Programs for Adults

**Thursday, July 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Did you know that crafts are considered to be an excellent way to work through the pressures of daily life stressors? Research has revealed that crafts can provide a variety of tangible health benefits, such as feelings of relaxation, stress relief, a sense of accomplishment, increased happiness, reduced anxiety, and enhanced confidence. In this webinar, presenter Kimberli Buckley will discuss how to put together an adult craft program on a budget, how to utilize crafts to promote awareness, and she will offer a wide variety and range of craft examples that will prove that crafts aren't just for kids. Additionally, she will discuss history of crafts and the current state of the crafting world as well as the therapeutic and health benefits that crafts can provide for adults.

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This webinar will be of interest to: Public, Academic and School library staff, Volunteers, and MLIS students

**Register:** [Infopeople website](#)



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## Hartford, CT Bus Trip

The Friends of the Moffat Library of Washingtonville (FOML) will visit the Mark Twain House & Museum and the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in Hartford, CT on **Wednesday August 14**. A West Point Motor Coach will depart St. Mary’s Church (42 Goshen Avenue) at 8:30 a.m. and arrive in Hartford at 10:30 a.m. Guided tours of both homes and museum centers will be provided and a choice of boxed lunches is included. The bus will depart at 3:00 p.m. for return to Washingtonville. The all-inclusive cost is \$66 per person. A non-refundable payment is due by Wednesday, July 24. Please make checks payable to “FOML.” For more information and to make reservations, call Sue Anne at 845.783.6107.



## System Calendar

For a complete and up-to-date list of events, including links to additional information, see the [RCLS Calendar](#). To add information, contact [Ruth Daubenspeck](#).

### June

**Thursday, 27**

RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 27**

[Job & Career Resources @ Your Library](#),  
Newburgh – 3:00 p.m.

### July

**Thursday, 4**

**Independence Day**  
**RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

**Monday, 8**

System Services Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, 8**

RCLS Bylaws / Policy Review Committee,  
RCLS – 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, 12**

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 17**

RCLS Annual Meeting and Awards Committee,  
RCLS – 12:30 p.m.

**Monday, 22**

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 24**

RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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